

I can describe what life was like in Scotland the 1500s

Title: Scottish life in the 1500s

Learning Intention

- I can list the key groups in society who had power
- I can explain why the Catholic church was so important
- I can explain why there was growing discontent with the Church

Glossary. Copy:

Heresy - crime of having a different religious belief to the accepted one

Indulgences - money paid to church which excused people for their sins

Purgatory - place of suffering where people repent their sins

Starter...Fix the Fib

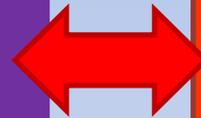
Correct the sentences and write them in your jotter

1. The next person in line to the throne is called the heir to the throne.
2. Mary Queen of Scots mother was called Margaret of Guise
3. Mary's father, James V was delighted to have a baby daughter.
4. Mary Queen of Scots was the niece of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

What groups were powerful during the 1500s in Scotland when Mary's father, James V was in power?

The Monarchy

It was vital that the King or Queen was a strong leader. They were in charge of the Scottish parliament. They gave nobles rewards in exchange for raising armies to defend the country. Punishments were severe to keep law and order.



The Nobles

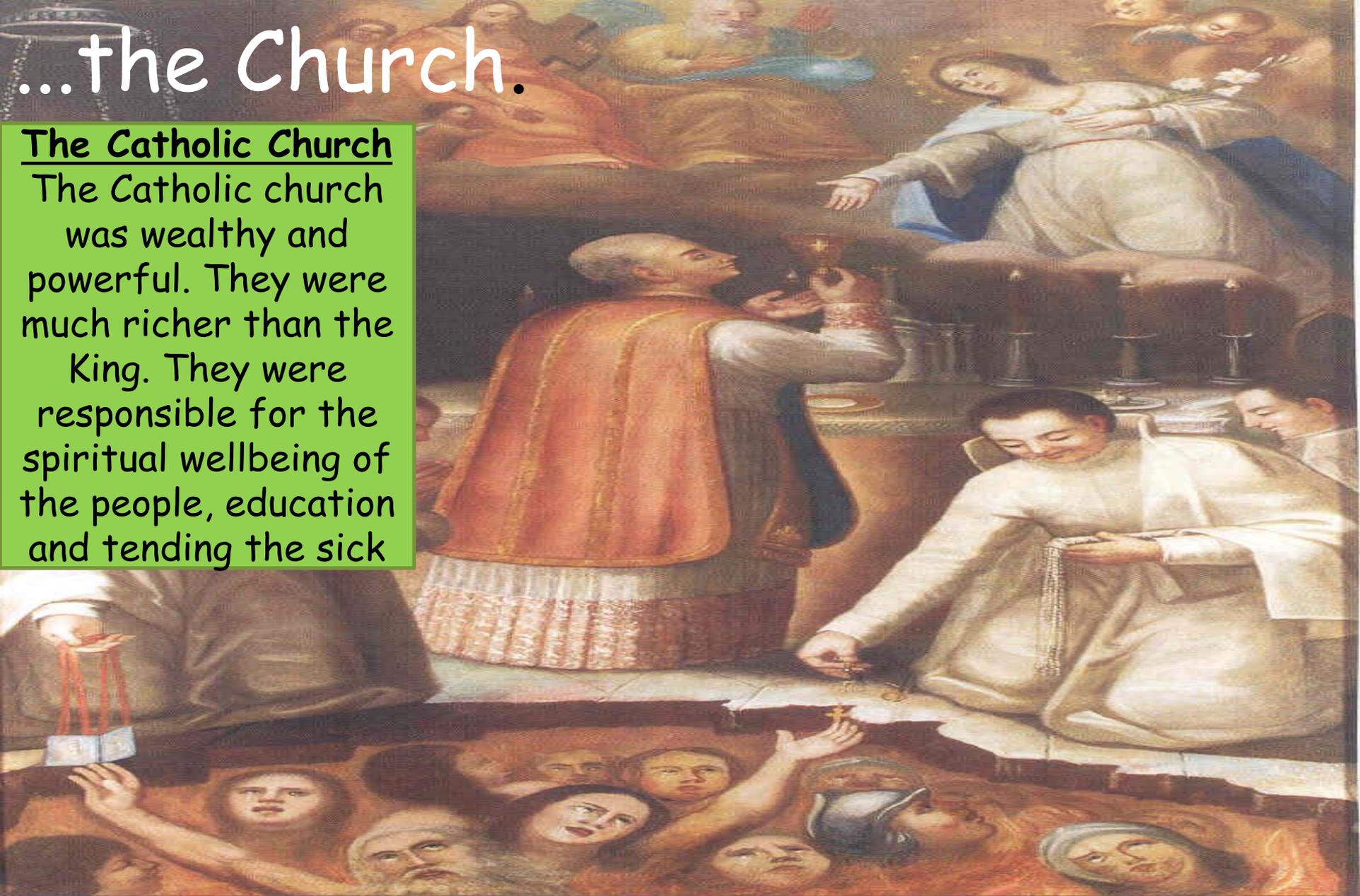
The nobles were rich and powerful land owning families. Ordinary people relied on them for land to grow crops. They often plotted against the king if they weren't given powerful positions.

Those relationships were reciprocal i.e. they relied on each other. There was another very powerful group too though...

...the Church.

The Catholic Church

The Catholic church was wealthy and powerful. They were much richer than the King. They were responsible for the spiritual wellbeing of the people, education and tending the sick



What made them so important though?

Why was the Church so important in the 1500s?

- Religion was a very important part of daily life
- King James V was Catholic so Scotland was a Catholic country.
- The Church was very powerful and rich.
- It collected rent from the land it owned and also taxed the people
- People believed that after death, you went to heaven if you were good, hell if you were bad, or a place of suffering called purgatory to repent your sins before you could go to heaven.
- The Church also sold 'indulgences' which excused people for their sins so they could go to heaven
- People who dared to criticise the church were accused of heresy and could be burned at the stake.
- The church looked after the sick
- The church educated people



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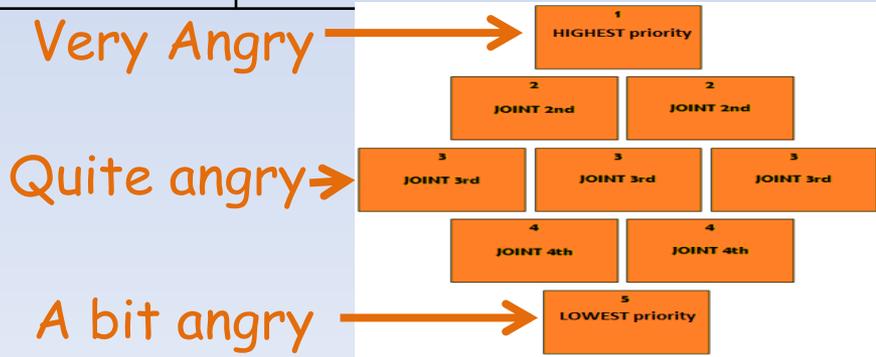


Task 1: Create a picture spider diagram which explains the importance of the church

Why did people become angry with the church?

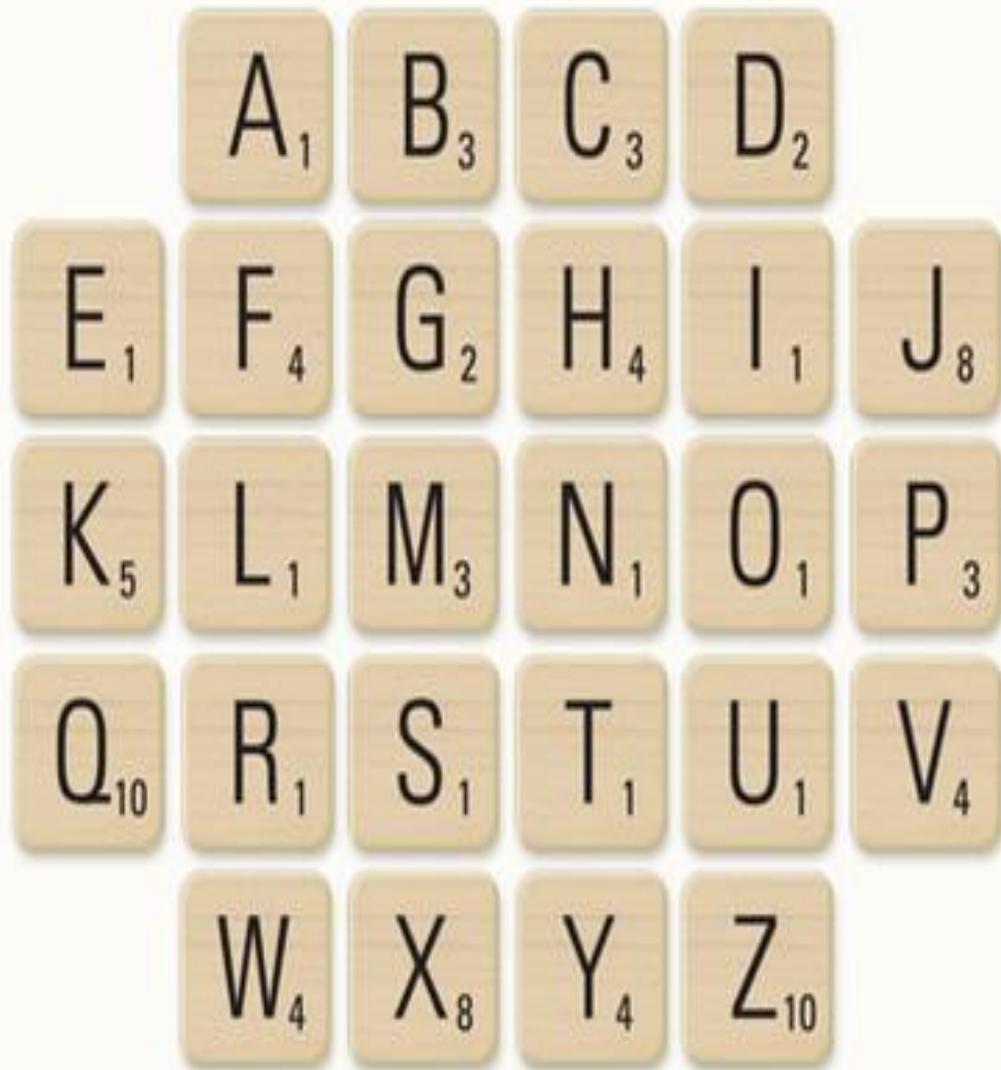
Poor people were forced to pay for holy ceremonies like Baptisms if they wanted to go to heaven	Priests were poorly educated so often didn't know what they were preaching	Churchmen lived in luxury housing paid for by taxing the poor who lived in poverty
Rich nobles bribed members of the church to make certain decisions which was seen as corrupt	Monarchs gave top church jobs to relatives (often illegitimate children) and nobles which caused resentment	The Bible was written in Latin so people couldn't read it
The Church spent its money on building grand churches rather than helping the poor	Some of the clergy were married with children which caused criticism as they were supposed to be celibate .	Rich people could be as bad as they liked and then just buy indulgences so they were forgiven.

Task 2: Create a diamond nine in your jotter ranking how angry each of the above problems would make the people of Scotland



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1. Write down a key word from today's lesson - how many points does it score?
2. Can you think of a word that scores higher?